

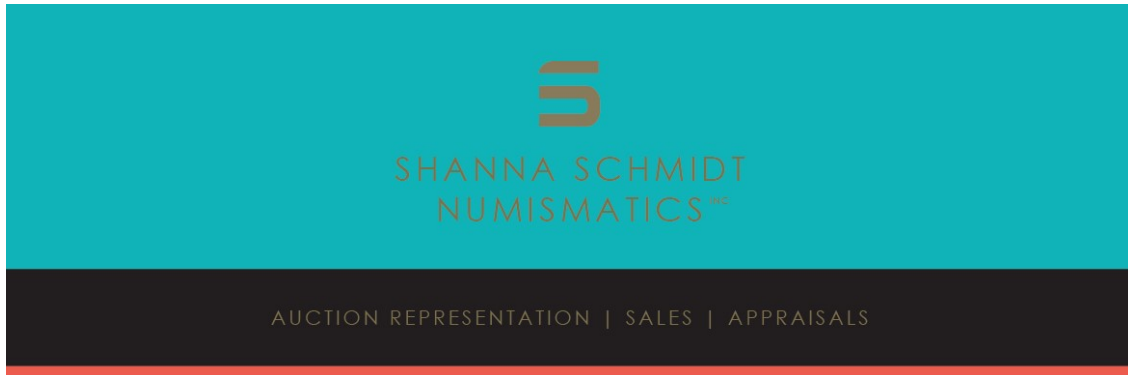
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Newsletter #113:**What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

Hello everyone! I've been at the Central States Coin Show for the last few days enjoying my time in auctions, seeing fellow dealers and meeting with some of you. This was the first year that I did Central States as a dealer and so far I've been very happy with the show. I hope that over time the show will see an increase in ancient and world dealers as well as our customers. We all need to collectively work together to make the show a success. I hope my fellow dealers will not be too disappointed if they didn't get the attendance they expected. I'm sure with each year and good publicity the show will improve. We should just remember that the show will only improve when everyone works hard to make it a better. It is something we all need to work towards.

ANA Board of Governors Election (June 1)

I haven't mentioned for awhile that I am running for the Board of Governors. Well, now is the election is upon us. I realized at the Central States show how quickly it is approaching. I spoke with other fellow candidates for the board as well as potential candidates for President and VP. I'm very happy with some of the ideas that I heard. While I don't think it will be an easy job if I do get elected I know that it will be very rewarding to see some of my ideas possibly influencing the organization. I hope that if you are an ANA member you will exercise your right to bid. Ballots will go out on June 1 and need to be completed by July 1. We will hear if we make it on the board at least 10 days before the Summer ANA. The results will be announced publicly on August 16. Please remember me when you get your ballot!

Switzerland Trip (August 30-May 8)

I will be attending the Swiss auctions and viewing other upcoming Zurich sales from August 30-May 8. There are some fantastic auctions forthcoming. I hope you will contact me if you need representation. Additionally, I will be phone bidding the Morton & Eden auction on May 2 from Zurich. I have viewed the auction so please get in touch soon should you need representation.

CNG E-Sale 443 (May 1)

CNG has their bimonthly e-sale closing on May 1 with 773 lots. There are several common but nice coins. A rather large selection of Michel Prieur Roman Antioch coins is again available. Also a substantial second group from the Andrew McCabe collection. For those of you not familiar with Andrew, he is one of the most respected Republican coin academics out there. Andrew has a wonderful selection of some beautiful and some more academic type pieces. His material appeals to both ends of the spectrum of collectors. There are a lot of other coins available and if you don't trust yourself in the Swiss auctions then check out this sale.

Morton & Eden (Upcoming Live Auction May 2)

Morton & Eden has a decent auction of pedigreed material coming up. I viewed the coins when I was in London. The sale is only a mere 164 coins but it is a charming sale. You won't see the most sharply struck or FDC coins, but you will absolutely get a coin that has attractive cabinet toning and good collector history attached to it. There is a rather nice selection of Ptolemaic gold coins (also featured on the cover). I will be participating by phone for this auction so get me your bids in the next days.

Nomos Auction 18 (Live in Zurich on May 5)

Nomos has a very nice, albeit smaller, selection of coins being offered for their May 5th sale. Truth be told I love the "smaller" auctions. Sometimes when there are over 1,000 coins I just get tired and I lose my motivation when viewing. Nomos has a beautiful group with some interesting pedigrees and types. A large portion of the sale is centered on Greek which is just fine by me. You can check out the sale online. I'll be viewing this sale a few days before the auction so please get in touch if you want my help. I will be attending the auction.

NAC Auction 114 (Live in Zurich on May 6-7)

I've really enjoyed looking through the two catalogs from the 114th NAC sale. The coins in the first part are filled with rarities and lengthy, impressive pedigrees. As I mentioned in the earlier newsletters, the estimates are strong and I don't expect anything to be "given away" on the floor. I'm one of many dealers that makes their way every May and October to the NAC auction. It is truly one of the highlight auctions of the year for me. I've had some great success at the sales but also more than a few frustrating experiences where I lost a coin that I was sure that I would win for a client. I think my point is that everyone participates whether online, on the phone, sending in bids or sitting on the floor. The part II section of the sale usually has the more affordable pieces, but competition can still be fierce. I always forewarn clients that want to bid with me that you should be reasonable when estimating how much to bid. Bidding to estimate usually does not ensure success. Working with me a little closely about realistic bidding is the best way to have success. I'm happy to chat with anyone on any lots, big or small, so please get in touch if you need advice.

CNG Auction 111 (closing May 29, 2019)

CNG has their 111th mail bid auction closing on May 29. I haven't had as much time to view lots as I would have liked but I have started to view at least. There are some lovely coins with great pedigrees to match. I noticed some attractive Sicilian silver coins with lengthy pedigrees. One even went back almost 140 years! There are also more selections from the Prieur collection. Another interesting and not so often seen offering is a military diploma (lot 768). These don't come around so often so check it out. For those interested in Roman aurei I noticed some very sharply struck examples. More to come on this sale!



Coin of the Week

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Maximian, 286–305 AD. Ticinum, c. 295 AD

AR Argenteus, 2.90g (18mm, 5h). MAXIMIA-NVS AVG, laureate head of Maximianus right / VICTORIA SARMAT, the four tetrarchs sacrificing over tripod before city enclosure with six turrets.

Price: \$2,850

Maximian was the military might to Diocletian's political brain. Diocletian had just instituted the first tetrarchy where power is divided between four individuals. In this case it was two in the eastern and two in the western parts of the Roman Empire. Maximian was Augustus of the west from 286–305 AD, while Diocletian oversaw the eastern front. Much of Maximian's early reign was spent fighting battles. Once campaigns concluded in 298 AD he retired to Italy. He was pushed by Diocletian to give up his position in 305 AD and gave his office to Constantius, another individual from the tetrarchy.

A short time later Maximian chose to re-enter the political game when in 306 AD he took the title of Augustus again under his son Maxentius. After trying to depose his son in 307 AD he took flight and sought refuge in the court of Constantine (who was incidentally also his son-in-law). At the council of Carnuntum, Diocletian and his successor Galerius forced Maximian to renounce his imperial claim. Ever tenacious, Maximian once again attempted to place himself as Augustus when Constantine was out on campaign on the Rhine in 310 AD. This last spectacle was too much for Constantine and he was forced to kill himself on the emperor's orders.

References: RIC VI 16b. Jelocnik 37. RSC 548d.

Grade: Pristine condition with deep rainbow toning. Mint State

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
Shanna

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